

TGMI Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2012

Committee Members:

Present:

Marilou Cook - Chairman  
Debbie Rivers – Vice Chairman  
Debbie Knox – 2010 Steering Committee Member  
Melinda Crutchfield – Member at Large  
Jason Conner – 2011 Steering Committee Member  
E. Ross White – Past Chairman  
Mark Patterson – Member at Large  
Phyllis Hodges – Member at Large  
April Wright – Member at Large

Absent:

Trish Pulley – Ex Officio  
Victor Barnes – 2010 Class President  
Michael Blade – 2011 Class President  
Dr. Tom Kohntopp – UT Program Director

Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marilou Cook at 3:10 pm. The meeting was held at the downtown Nashville Doubletree Hotel in order to precede this month's mixer.

Treasurer Report:

Debbie Knox reported that the balance in the checking account is \$1,249.16.

Secretary Report:

Melinda Crutchfield reported that the minutes of the July 2012, steering committee meeting has been posted to LinkedIn.

**Communications Committee** – Debbie Rivers reported that that the Human Resources website related materials have been updated. Debbie is still working with Vojin on updating the TGMI database so it can be used for email distribution by class. It can be used for all alumni emails, but she also needs to update this list by comparing it to her personal email distribution group, which is what she's been using so far. Once the database is updated, anyone with access could email to all alumni and separate email groups would not need to be maintained.

**Community Service Committee** – Jason reported that there are adopt-a-highway events set for September 1 and December 1. Jason and Jon sent out surveys for ideas for community service events. There were four votes for sorting food and three votes for helping the homeless. Marilou asked Jason to be the lead on our collection of canned food at the Christmas Breakfast. The September 1 adopt-a-highway date may be changed since it is Labor Day weekend.

**Business Events Committee** – Phyllis will set up a meeting in late August to start preparing for the next Lunch and Learn. The Lunch and Learn topic will be TEAM ACT or LEAN related material. We still need a date for the new class graduation.

**Education\Training\Leadership Development Committee** – Ross introduced the mentor's bureau to UT and HR. Speaking opportunity at Williamson County Ag Center on Thursday November 15, 2012 for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual "World of Possibilities" Career fair. The annual Alumni Leadership Conference will begin work on confirming speaker Rory Vaden, author of *Take the Stairs*. The Alumni Leadership Conference is scheduled for November 6.

**Social Events Committee** –April reported that 21 alumni were in attendance at the Nashville Sounds game on August 11. April is still working on the Predator's game for October 13. There were over 30 alumni interested in attending the November 10<sup>th</sup> UT game. Dr. Tom invited alumni to a reception before the November 10<sup>th</sup> game. A train ride to Cookeville and the Nashville Zoo trips are still in the planning phases.

Old Business:

Ross and Debbie Knox reported recommendation to the mission and value statements. The drafts will be presented to the alumni at the Christmas Breakfast on November 30, 2012, for approval.

New Business:

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30. Mark made the motion to adjourn. Jason seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Open Discussion:

Congratulations to April Wright will be getting married on September 1, 2012. April will also have surgery on September 11, 2012, to remove basal cell carcinoma. Please keep her in your prayers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Dates to remember:

Adopt-a-Highway - September 1  
Predator's Game - October 13  
Alumni Leadership - Conference November 6  
UT Game - November 10  
Williamson County Career Fair - November 15  
Christmas Breakfast - November 30  
Adopt-a-Highway - December 1

Regards,  
Melinda S. Crutchfield